

## **Fair Board Meeting July 18, 2023**

**Members Present:** Mike Sullivan, Dean Defrees, Ron Rowan (zoom) Michelle Kaseberg, Terri Siddoway

**Fair board Employees:** Angela Robb, Ashleigh Kautz

**Guests:** Mark Johnson, Lynda Bird, Ross West, Catherine West

Vice Chairman Dean Defrees called the meeting to order at 6pm.

**Review & Approval of Minutes:** Michelle Motion to approve minutes Terri 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Friends of the Fair:**

**Pie Auction:** Catherine: Everything is in order for the pie auction we have Jason Jacobs cooking the meat and Campbells Catering to cook the rest. We have sent out roughly 75 invitations.

**Golf Tournament:** Catherine: This is the best turn out we have had yet to date for fundraising, instead of doing a live auction this year we did a raffle and hope to continue that in future years.

**Review and Approval of Financials:** Michelle: we have gained almost \$7,000.00 in interest on the money in the 351 budget, no other discretions'. Our event center is continuing to bring in great income for the facility. Michelle Motion to approve Terri 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fair Updates:** Ashleigh: Our KidZone is ready to go we have received all the new toys and games. Unfortunately our scales did come in 3 pounds light while being certified we have a technician coming in on Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> and will be recertified on Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup>. We currently are missing two superintendents for Open Class (photography, Arts & Crafts).

Michelle: Please call Sherry Ward she would be a great fit for Arts & Crafts.

Ashleigh: We are currently on track to have Frank Carlson, Bag of Hammers and Elephant in the Room play on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this year's fair.

Terri: Spoke with Katie and other superintendents about their needs from the fair board for set up, we will be following up in the next week with any of their needs. Reminder that August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm will be fair board set up including shade cloths.

**Challenge of Champions:** Ashleigh: Jason said that the event was a great success however they will not be able to return next year if we do not have the bleachers done. He wanted to be sure that within the new bleachers we are sure to put in ADA access to covered areas as well. He would like to stay in the loop with updates and designs so he can plan accordingly for next year's event.

**Fair Board Open Position:** Paper ballots with a unanimous vote for Chris Stocks.

Ron: Would like to have the other two candidates on as advisory members as their input can still be very useful. Michelle motion to approve adding them as advisory members Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Project Progress:** Mark Johnson: Eifs on the outside of the building we are moving forward on, I have all solicitations documents to be able to get the go ahead and put in front of the commissioners. We will have all needed documents by August 10<sup>th</sup> so the bid will be picked the 15<sup>th</sup> during the fair board meeting and brought in front of the commissioners on the following day August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Bleachers:** Got some new measurements for the upcoming project, had Jim Couth to do some different dimensions during the bull riding as the grounds were set up for roping previously. Found that the North bleachers can be permanent but the South bleachers will need to be able to be moved due to

the different events. We want to be sure that we are able to give patrons the same experience they have now during Challenge of Champions being up close to the fences. We will move forward in working with providers to come up with the best possible option, this will include ADA as well.

**Leo Adler Field:** We are hoping to get the project started to begin removing the dugouts and extra items that are left on the field so that we can start digging test holes for future build of a barn.

**Exterior Fence:** The fair board will need to decide how they would like to proceed in the design or placement of the fence. It was decided that we will not be fencing in the 5 acre field at this time due to cost and to ensure that we can get the other exterior fencing done. We will also be holding off on fencing off the parking lot on East Street. Michelle motions to go ahead with the wood fencing around the rodeo grounds, chain-link on the remainder of fencing needed Terri 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Terri: Would like to propose that the new barn being built be for beef. Ron suggested starting a subcommittee to come up with a plan and then present to the fair board. Mark: Construction on the new barn will not start until early spring of next year.

**Intern:** Raimey Brown is doing great and her last day will be August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:**

**Next Meeting August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm**